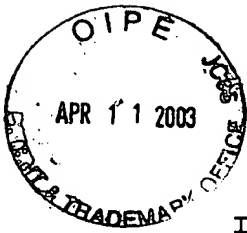


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**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 7, 2003
NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT
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This Communication is submitted in response to the March 7, 2003 Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Copies of the Notice and the Raw Sequence Listing Error Report are annexed hereto as **Exhibits A and B**, respectively. A response to the March 7, 2003 Notice is due April 7, 2003. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

The Notice indicates that the application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.821 - 1.825.

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In response, applicants annex hereto a paper copy of the corrected Sequence Listing as **Exhibit C**, a Statement in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f) as **Exhibit D**, and a C.R.F. of the corrected Sequence Listing.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

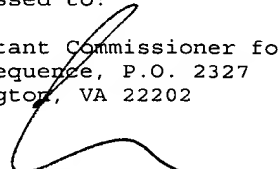
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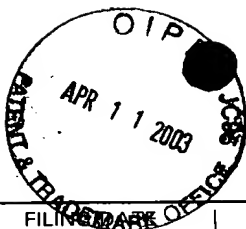
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This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). A computer readable form (CRF) of the sequence listing was submitted. However, the CRF could not be processed by the Scientific and Technical Information Center (STIC) for the reason(s) set forth on the attached RAW SEQUENCE LISTING ERROR REPORT. Applicant must comply with the requirements of the sequence rules (37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825) before the application can be examined under 35 U.S.C. §§ 131 and 132.

Applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mailing date of this communication within which to comply with the sequence rules, 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in ABANDONMENT of the application under 37 CFR 1.821(g). Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Direct the reply to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached RAW SEQUENCE LISTING ERROR REPORT with the reply.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John D. Ulm whose telephone number is (703) 308-4008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler can be reached at (703) 308-6564.

Official papers filed by fax should be directed to (703) 308-4242 or (703) 872-9306. Official responses under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 should be directed to (703) 872-9307.

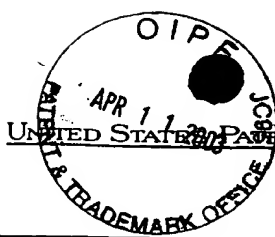
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